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Dear Jack:

Thanks for your letter of September 30. I've tried every way under the sun to see Jimmy. Just a couple of weeks ago I spoke to Stoner who spoke to Jimmy about seeing me. Stoner told me yesterday that Jimmy wouldn't see anybody.

There are two reasons. The first is that Fensterwald doesn't want Jimmy to talk with anyone. Fensterwald wants to continue to investigate and to hold open in the public mind the idea that all the assassinations were linked together as conspiracies. Apparently Fensterwald thinks that if Jimmy talks Jimmy will burst that bubble of conspiracy.

The second reason is that Jimmy himself won't talk to anyone as long as he's got any appeals going. Stoner says that Jimmy doesn't really believe that he has run out all his appeals yet. In fact, Jimmy is drawing up some new ones.

You've noticed I suppose that Jimmy has never talked with any writer. Huie left the impression that he talked with Jimmy but he did not. He sent questions in by Hanes.

OK, Jack, you know best. I mean about Jimmy's escape from Jeff City and what you want to say about it. Before I talked with Jerry, I talked with Canale in Memphis. Canale told me there was very little if any likelihood that he would reopen the case himself to indict anybody like Jerry. It would take some very, very serious complicity to cause Canale to indict anyone else. I'm pretty sure in my own mind you're not involved in any way that would interest the prosecution. But, as I say, you know best.

Good wishes,

George

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